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Gang Member Sentenced for 2015 Murder of Homeless Man in Venice Beach

A 32-year-old gang member was sentenced today to 93 years to life in state prison for the murder of a homeless man following an argument in Venice Beach four years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Francisco Cardenaz Guzman (dob 11/9/86) was convicted by a jury last month of one count each of first-degree murder, attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a felon. Gun and gang allegations also were found true.

Deputy District Attorney John McKinney of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Aug. 30, 2015, Guzman was involved in an argument with a group of homeless people near Ocean Front Walk in Venice Beach when he opened fire. Another argument ensued and Guzman shot and killed 26-year-old Jascent Warren.

Guzman fled the scene. He was arrested about a month later.

Case SA091180 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.